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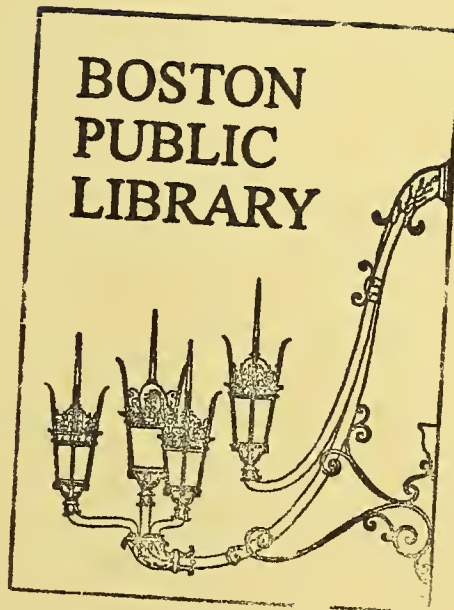


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NOTES ON THE STATE CENSUS OF POPULATION 1975;
CONFIRMATION OF THE REVIVAL OF BOSTON
AS A PLACE TO LIVE

The revival of Boston as a place to live is but one of the important findings of the recently reported Massachusetts State Census of 1975. Please see the attached clippings, tables, maps, and charts.

1. Boston Globe news clipping of mid-January 1976 shows "preliminary" 1975 Boston population figures, and comparisons with 1971, the previous State Census year;
2. Table "City of Boston Population - 1971 and 1975; State Census" shows "final" numbers for the City for 1975, and composition by BRA "planning districts";
3. Chart "Neighborhood Patterns of Population Change in the City of Boston, 1971-1975" shows important features of population change;
 - emergence of the neighborhoods of young singles, young marrieds and elderly, (Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway, Kenmore, Allston, Brighton, and Central Area), as the principal population growth area of the City, reflecting, principally, growth in the young adult, middle-class population;
 - modest gains in the population of older neighborhoods (East Boston, Charlestown, South Boston, and South Dorchester) after substantial losses in the 1950s and 1960s;
 - a continued, though reduced, loss of population in the inner-city neighborhoods, (losses in Roxbury, gains in South End);
 - a stabilization of population in the inner suburbs, (gains in Mattapan balancing losses in Jamaica Plain and North Dorchester);

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- stabilization of population in the suburban type neighborhoods; and

- no evidence of white flight;

4. Map of Boston neighborhoods;
5. Table "Population of the Boston Metropolitan Area, 1971 and 1975", showing that the 1971-75 rate of population growth in Boston equalled that of the metro area as a whole.

holding steady at 636,969

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Globe Staff

Boston's population is holding steady, according to preliminary figures from the 1975 state census.

Massachusetts State Secretary Paul Guzzi said the preliminary review of the figures shows Boston's population to be 636,969 — an increase of 14,505 over the 1971 state census count, but still 4102 under the 1970 Federal census count.

Guzzi, in an interview, said that the apparent fluctuation of the city's population could be attributed to different criteria used in making each of the three counts.

Although he stressed that the figures compiled by Boston officials must still be audited and reviewed, Guzzi said, "They make an important statement. They seem to show stability."

Preliminary figures released earlier by Guzzi showed Cape Cod's

population up some 40 percent and other suburban areas up almost as high. Figures from other urban areas such as Lawrence-Lowell, Fall River-New Bedford and the cities surrounding Boston have not been made available as yet.

Guzzi made a ward-by-ward breakdown of the two state counts available and they show a sharp upturn in the South End-Beacon Hill-Back Bay area and a sharp downturn in five Roxbury-North Dorchester wards.

Wards 4 and 5 (South End-Beacon Hill-Back Bay) the population increased by 7206 between the two counts. The two wards contain large numbers of students and young working people.

Guzzi said that much of the increase could be attributed to the fact that in 1975, the state census guidelines called for students to be counted at their parents' home addresses, rather than in dormitories or in student apartments.

Boston actually did count students in technical violation of the state guidelines, but Guzzi said,

"it was on a haphazard basis."

This year the state census guidelines more closely follow the Federal guidelines which "count people wherever they are," Guzzi said.

Based on court rulings, Guzzi said, students and persons living in institutions—college dormitories, military bases, hospitals and nursing homes—were given a choice of being counted where they actually were located when the census count was taken, or at what they

considered their permanent address.

Guzzi was unable, however, to account for the overall drop of 5758 in the Roxbury-North Dorchester wards.

By contrast to the Beacon Hill-Back Bay and Roxbury-North Dorchester areas, other parts of the city showed an overall population stability.

The two South Boston wards, for example, showed a net decrease of 78 persons, while the city's largest ward — Ward 18 which comprises Mattapan, Hyde Park and Roslindale — went up only 2208 persons, from 61,396 to 63,604. The large West Roxbury Ward 20 went up by just 470 persons.

Guzzi noted that the state census results seem to parallel results obtained in a Federal census sample taken earlier this year.

In a survey of the nation's eight largest metropolitan areas, only three — Boston, San Francisco and Washington — showed net gains between 1970 and 1973.

Boston, according to the Federal survey increased its population by four-tenths of a percent.

Boston census figures

Here are the preliminary figures for Boston from the 1975 state census, compared ward-by-ward with the 1971 state census count. They cannot be compared with the 1970 Federal census count because the state counts by wards and precincts while the Federal count is made by "census tracts" — the areas do not always match up.

WARD	1971	1975	Difference
1—East Boston	37,404	33,273	+ 869
2—Charlestown	14,937	16,836	+ 1849
3—North End	21,035	24,478	+ 3443
4—South End	23,602	28,379	+ 4777
5—Beacon Hill-Back Bay	28,500	40,929	+ 2429
6—South Boston	20,108	19,923	- 180
7—South Boston	24,328	24,430	+ 102
8—Roxbury	13,913	12,170	- 1743
9—Roxbury	11,444	13,043	+ 1599
10—Roxbury	22,994	21,127	- 1667
11—Roxbury	22,643	21,487	- 1156
12—Roxbury	21,664	19,845	- 2019
13—Roxbury-North Dorchester	25,909	23,482	- 2427
14—Roxbury-North Dorchester	39,655	41,520	+ 1855
15—Dorchester	21,941	20,954	- 977
16—Dorchester	23,955	23,744	- 211
17—Dorchester	28,976	30,765	+ 1809
18—Mattapan-Hyde Park Roslindale	61,396	63,604	+ 2208
19—Jamaica Plain	29,063	28,219	- 844
20—West Roxbury	45,165	45,635	+ 470
21—Brighton-Allston	39,254	43,193	+ 3193
22—Brighton	28,318	29,898	+ 550
TOTAL	622,434	636,969	+ 14,505

By contrast, the city's population rose two-tenths of a percent between the 1971 and 1975 state censuses.

Guzzi said that although no formal "appeal" procedure exists, his office is interested in hearing from any community groups which have reason to believe their area has been under- or over-counted.

"We haven't set up a formal system for these concerns," he said, "but if we hear them, we'll go back over the figures and check them against housing starts and demolitions


in an attempt to find out what's happened."

Guzzi said that Boston's count will not be certified as final by itself because of the possibility that

someone picked up in the count still wants to be recorded as living in another community — or vice versa.

The entire census is ex-

pected to be complete by year's end, and Guzzi expects that the final figures will show some increase in the state's total population — "but nothing dramatic."



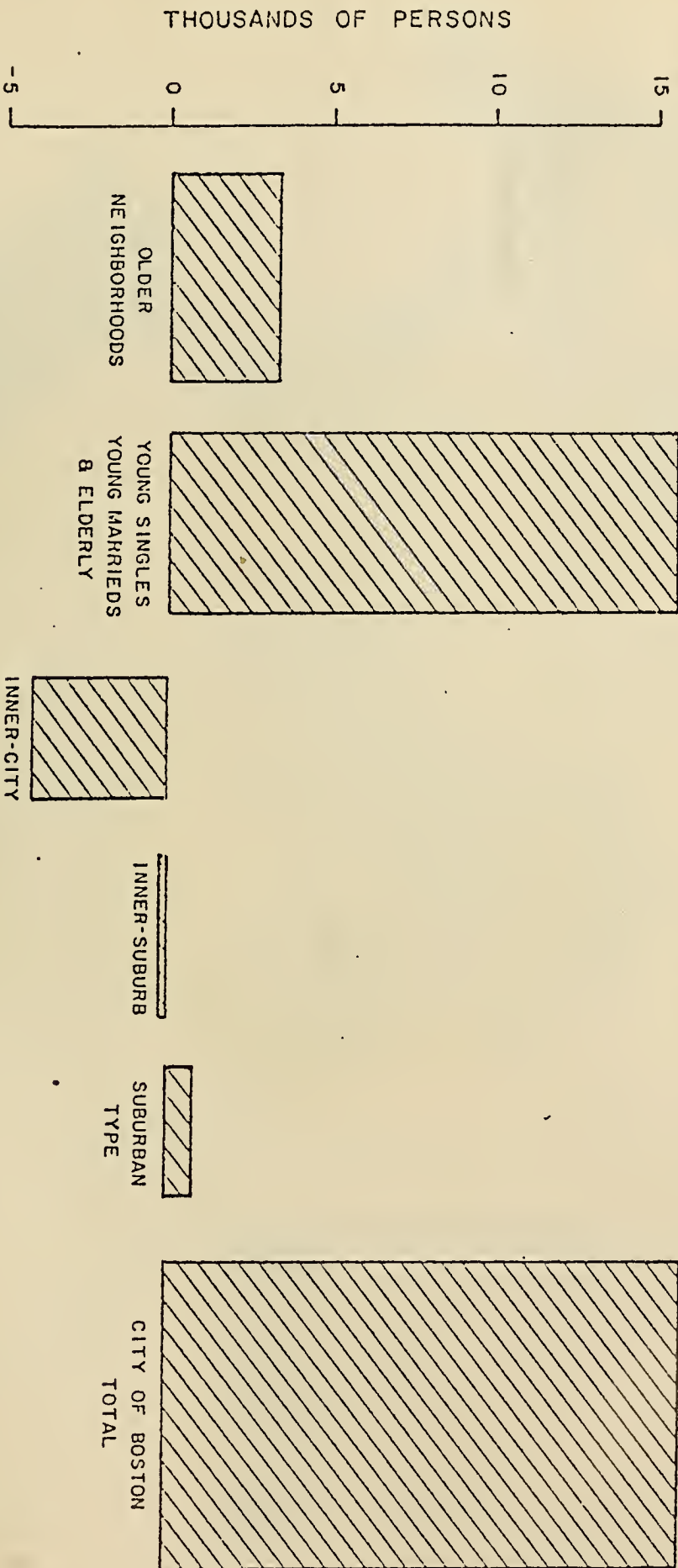
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CITY OF BOSTON POPULATION - 1971 AND 1975; STATE CENSUS

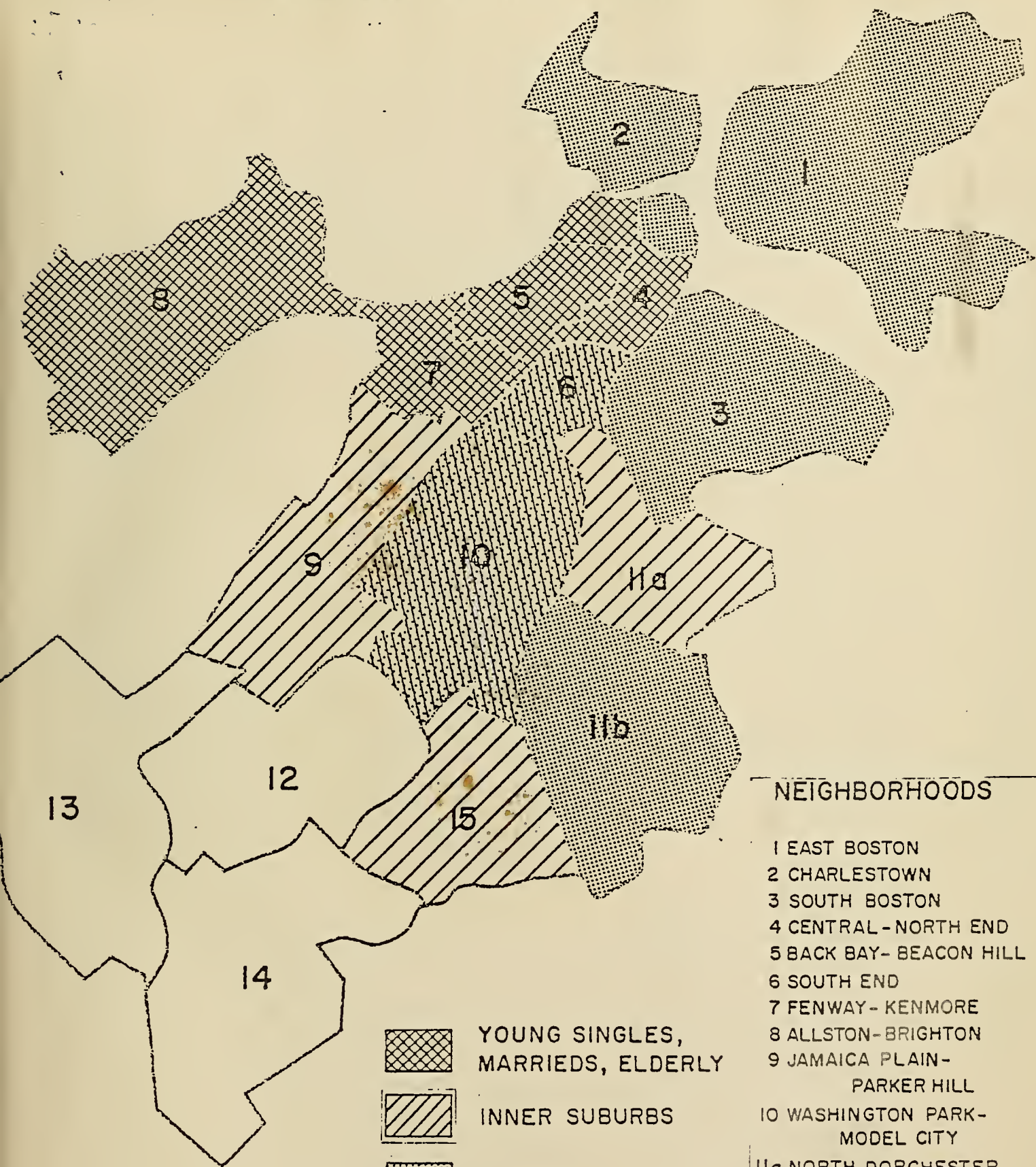
Type of Neighborhood	1971		1975		Change 1971-75	Percent Distribution		Percent Distribution		Percent Change 1971-75
	1971	1975	1971	1975		1971	1975	1971	1975	
<u>Older Neighborhoods</u>										
East Boston	160,900	164,289	+ 3,389	25.8	25.8	+ 2.1	6.0	6.0	+ 2.4	
Charlestown	37,404	38,313	+ 909	6.0	6.0	+ 2.4	2.4	2.6	+12.6	
South Boston	14,987	16,877	+ 1,890	2.4	6.0	+ .8	6.0	5.9	+ .8	
South Dorchester	37,602	37,919	+ 317	11.4	11.2	+ .4	11.4	11.2		
<u>Young Singles, Young Marrieds & Elderly</u>										
Back Bay - Beacon Hill	140,203	155,773	+15,570	22.5	24.4	+11.1	4.2	4.6	+14.3	
Fenway-Kenmore	25,862	29,553	+ 3,691	4.2	5.4	+13.8	4.9	5.4		
Allston-Brighton	30,288	34,465	+ 4,177	10.2	10.6	+ 5.7	10.2	10.6		
Central	63,774	67,405	+ 3,631	3.3	3.8	+20.1	3.3	3.8		
<u>Inner City Neighborhoods</u>										
South End	20,279	24,350	+ 4,071	14.7	13.7	- 4.6	3.7	3.9	+ 6.2	
Roxbury	91,686	87,501	- 4,185	3.7	9.8	- 8.2	11.0	9.8		
<u>Inner Suburb</u>										
Jamaica Plain-Parker Hill	124,836	124,816	- 20	20.1	19.6	0	7.7	7.1	- 5.5	
North Dorchester	47,804	45,151	- 2,653	5.4	5.0	- 5.3	5.4	5.0		
Mattapan	33,782	31,991	- 1,791	6.9	7.4	+10.2	6.9	7.4		
<u>Suburban Type</u>										
Roslindale	104,840	105,607	+ 767	16.8	16.6	+ .7	5.3	5.1	- 1.8	
West Roxbury	32,955	32,351	- 604	5.5	5.6	+ 3.8	5.5	5.6		
Hyde Park	34,315	35,628	+ 1,313	6.0	5.9	+ .2	6.0	5.9		
Total	37,570	37,628	+ 58	100.0	100.0	+ 2.5	100.0	100.0		

Source: City of Boston, Election Department - State Census
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NEIGHBORHOOD PATTERNS OF POPULATION CHANGE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON 1971 - 1975



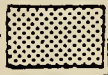




SOURCE: CITY OF BOSTON, ELECTION DEPARTMENT - STATE CENSUS 1971 & 1975



NEIGHBORHOODS

- 1 EAST BOSTON
- 2 CHARLESTOWN
- 3 SOUTH BOSTON
- 4 CENTRAL - NORTH END
- 5 BACK BAY- BEACON HILL
- 6 SOUTH END
- 7 FENWAY - KENMORE
- 8 ALLSTON-BRIGHTON
- 9 JAMAICA PLAIN- PARKER HILL
- 10 WASHINGTON PARK- MODEL CITY
- 11a NORTH DORCHESTER
- 11b SOUTH DORCHESTER
- 12 ROSLINDALE
- 13 WEST ROXBURY
- 14 HYDE PARK
- 15 MATTAPAN - FRANKLIN

-  YOUNG SINGLES, MARRIEDS, ELDERLY
-  INNER SUBURBS
-  OLDER
-  INNER CITY
-  OUTER SUBURBS

POPULATION OF THE BOSTON METROPOLITAN AREA, 1971 AND 1975

	1971		1975		Change 1971-1975	Percent Composition		Percent Change 1971-75	Annual Rate of Change in Percent 1971-75
	1971	1975	1971	1975					
Boston Metro Area	2,830,304	2,892,588	+ 62,284	100.0	100.0	2.2	.6		
City of Boston	622,464	637,986	+ 15,522	22.0	22.1	2.5	.6		
Rest of Metro Area	2,207,840	2,254,602	+ 46,762	78.0	77.9	2.1	.5		
Cities	908,657	911,917	+ 3,260	32.1	31.5	.4	.1		
Towns	1,299,183	1,342,685	+ 43,502	45.9	46.4	3.3	.8		

Source: Massachusetts State Census, 1971 and 1975.

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